TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL MEMORANDUM



HB 2215 - SB 2480

February 14, 2012

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012854): Grants civil immunity for first responders, in certain circumstances, when force is used to enter a home, business, or other structure in response to 911 emergency calls. Defines "first responder" as a law-enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical services personnel, or other person who responds to 911 emergency calls.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- The proposed bill will not affect the applicable standard of care for a first responder rendering aid after gaining entry.
- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, while this bill could affect the
 outcome of some cases filed in appellate courts, it would not significantly affect the
 caseloads.
- Any cost associated with granting civil immunity to first responders can be accommodated within existing judicial resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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